

# ISIS and Taliban Suffer Heavy Casualties in Nangarhar Drone Strikes

JALALABAD - The Taliban insurgents and militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group suffered heavy casualties in the drone strikes conducted in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The provincial police commandment in a statement said a total of thirty two militants were killed or wounded in the airstrikes. The statement further added that the first airstrike was carried out in the vicinity of Awghiz area of Haska Mina district, leaving at least fourteen militants dead and eleven more wounded, all belonging to the ISIS terrorist. The second airstrike was carried out on Friday in the vicinity of Golai area of Ghani Khel district, leaving...*(More on P4)...(18)*



## Tribal Elder among 5 Killed or Wounded in Nangarhar Explosion

JALALABAD - At least five people including a tribal elder were killed or wounded in an explosion in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The incident took place earlier today in the vicinity of Pekha district, leaving a local tribal elder dead and four others wounded. Provincial governor's spokesman Ataulah Khogyani confirmed that explosives planted in the vehicle of Malik Abdul Rauf went off around 7:30 am local time, leaving him dead and two others accompanying him wounded. Khogyani further added that two other civilians were also wounded in the explosion. No group including the Taliban insurgents or militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. The Taliban insurgents frequently use IEDs and magnetic bombs as the weapon of their choice to target the security forces and government officials but in majority of such incidents the ordinary civilians are targeted. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UANAMA) released its latest civilian casualties report late in April, covering a period of three months since the start of 2017. According to the report, the Anti-Government Elements caused 62 per cent of civilian casualties - 1,353 civilian casualties (447 dead and 906 injured), reflecting a five per cent increase compared to the same period in 2016. (KP)



## Afghanistan all Set for Tuesday's Encounter against MCC

KABUL - The Afghanistan national cricket team would strive to win its first-ever match against the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) at Lord's in London on Tuesday. The MCC team would be captained by Brendon McCullum, former New Zealand skipper in the 50 over game, said a statement from the Afghan Connection Group. Other MCC players would include two other former international captains, Kumar Sangakkara, of Sri Lanka, and Misbah ul-Haq of Pakistan. The Afghan team would include the highly respected all-rounder, Mohammad Nabi, and the 18-year-old prodigy, Rashid Khan. The rise of the Afghan national cricket team has been phenomenal over recent years. Most notably, as the match at Lord's approached, Afghanistan has been confirmed as a full member of the elite group of ICC (International Cricket Council) Test Match nations. President of MCC Matthew Fleming has had close connections with Afghan cricket, and was a very keen supporter of the game there. "I have visited Afghanistan and seen the enthusiasm and skill of so many players there, both of senior teams, and of boys and girls too," he said. MCC has supported Afghan cricket since 2009. "MCC supports the game there by funding cricket...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Taliban Carry out Attack on Checkpoints in Parwan

KABUL - Security forces said the insurgents carried out the attack along the Ghorband highway and tried to kidnap a number of bus passengers. Parwan officials said the Taliban carried out a coordinated attack on checkpoints along the Ghorband highway in Jabal Saraj district early Saturday. The district police chief Mohammad Masoom Farzayee said the Taliban launched an attack from several directions at about 5am against checkpoints. The incident took place in Pule-Ashaba area in Jabal Saraj district and resulted in the closure of the highway to traffic. According to Farzayee, the Taliban also tried to kidnap bus passengers traveling along the road but security forces were able to rescue them. However clashes between the two were still ongoing later Saturday, officials said. According to them, one insurgent was killed in the clash. Taliban have not commented on the incident. There is no report of security forces or civilian casualties. (Tolnews)

## 32 Rebels Perished in Ongoing Balkh Offensive

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - At least 32 insurgents have been so far killed and another 31 wounded during an ongoing military operation launched 10 days back in northern Balkh province, officials said Saturday. However, residents complained the operation has forced many people to leave their homes as well as their farms torched during fires between the Afghan forces and the Taliban. Nasrullah Jamshidi, deputy spokesman for the 209th Shaheen Military Corps in



northern zone, told Pajhwok Afghan News a clearing offensive was underway in Charbolok and Chamtal districts of the province from the past 10 days. He said 32 insurgents had been so far killed and another 31 injured during the operation. Taliban notorious commanders including Haidari, ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Hebatullah and Rasool Taliban Fighters Clash Leaves Several Dead, Wounded

KABUL - Infighting has been reported among the militants of Mullah Hebatullah Akhundzada and his rival Mullah Rasool fighters in northwestern Badghis province of Afghanistan. According to the local government officials, the incident took place on Friday afternoon in the vicinity of Jawand district. Provincial governor's spokesman Zahir Bahand confirmed the incident and said at least seven militants were killed from the both



sides and six others were wounded, citing preliminary information received by the government. He said four of the insurgents belong to Mullah Hebatullah group while three others belong to Mullah Rasool group. (KP)

## Two Policemen Killed in Zabul Clashes

QALAT - Officials said the policemen were killed in clashes in Shahre-e-Safa and Arghndab districts in the province and that two others were wounded. Two Afghan policemen were killed in clashes with the Taliban on Friday in Zabul province, local officials said Saturday. Security police Chief Ghulaam Jilani Farahi, confirmed the incident and said that the policemen were killed in clashes with Taliban insurgents in Shahre-e-Safa and Arghndab districts. Two other policemen were wounded, Farahi added. Farahi did not provide information about any Taliban casualties. (Tolnews)

## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may have agreed to one-too-many projects and you must show up and deliver the goods now, whether or not you feel like it. Although you might be planning to stay at home today, the Capricorn Full Moon's presence in your 10th House of Career indicates that work is still your top priority.

### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are relentless in your efforts to make your travel dreams come true, even if your fantasies currently seem to be in jeopardy. But instead of just putting in additional hours doing research, you must think smarter if you want results. The Capricorn Full Moon soars through your 9th House of Distant Horizons, motivating you to take a chance.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Avoid the temptation of revealing too much too fast today, since keeping some ideas under wraps prior to negotiating might give you a secret advantage. Your interpersonal interactions are complicated by the strategic Capricorn Full Moon lighting up your 8th House of Transformation. However, you must trust your emotions now without knowing where they will lead.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

A friendship or partnership might run into obstacles that require you to reexamine your emotions. You must communicate your feelings as honestly as possible while the dutiful Capricorn Full Moon shines in your 7th House of Relationships, stirring up trouble or excitement. If there is someone special in your world, how you handle resolving a touchy conflict now.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You are disciplined enough to maintain consistency in your daily routine, but even the most practiced behaviors are challenging if your heart isn't completely connected to your actions. You can't keep up false pretenses once your performance starts to impact your day in a negative way. Nevertheless, the practical Capricorn Full Moon casts its light in your

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It's rather tricky to locate the right words in the heat of the moment. The Capricorn Full Moon energizes your 5th House of Self-Expression, emboldening you to act on your feelings instead of analyzing them. However, it's impossible to respond spontaneously when you struggle to say what's on your mind. Simply let it pass; it's more productive to talk about your emotional process once the intensity settles back down.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might be at a point in your life where you could benefit from setting some time aside to reevaluate your career. However, don't fall into the trap of focusing only on what earns you money or power. The goal-oriented Capricorn Full Moon recharges your 4th House of Foundations, reminding you not to overlook your emotional needs.

### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

The intensity of life has been slowly building for a while, offering you time to prepare for the current hectic pace of events. The Capricorn Full Moon overwhelms your 3rd House of Communication, inundating you with so much data that it might be challenging to integrate all of it. Don't attempt to accomplish more than is possible; you only have so many hours in the day.

### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You wish you could respond to your current frustrations by leaving everything behind and making a mad dash forward. However, you have one foot stuck in your past while the other itches to leap into your future. Meanwhile, the restrictive Capricorn Full Moon emphasizes your 2nd House of Personal Values, binding you to traditional beliefs that may need updating now.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Someone may play the authority card while asking for your support today. Although you don't like being put in such an awkward position, you're sympathetic to other people's pain while the reflective Capricorn Full Moon illuminates your 1st House of Self. But you could overreact by holding someone else's negativity at bay in order to protect your own priorities.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You could place so much significance on making a decision that you forget about following through with consistent hard work. Although you receive cosmic assistance from the responsible Capricorn Full Moon spotlighting your 12th House of Destiny, the consequences of your current choices aren't yet apparent.

### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You might believe that you're not in control of your own destiny, but this is just a temporary illusion. You may think people are trying to trick you into setting aside your own agenda to follow theirs while the pragmatic Capricorn Full Moon magnifies the needs of your 11th House of Teamwork. You could feel isolated if your ideas differ from everyone else's. Nevertheless, it's still necessary to honor your intuition.

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**Across**

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**Down**

1. Fellow, 2. Attraction, 3. Relating to urine, 4. Pear variety, 5. Move stealthily, 6. The beginning of a trail, 7. Pike (fish), 8. A Freudian stage, 9. Walk with long steps, 10. Intemperate, 11. Accomplishing, 12. Javelin, 13. Go in, 21. Sunrises, 25. Ear-related, 26. Killer whale, 27. Transport in a vehicle, 28. Bog, 29. Backwash, 34. Mandatory completion dates, 36. Not closed, 37. Egghead, 38. Cravings, 40. Buckeye State, 42. Water vapor, 45. Podium, 48. Look around casually, 51. Wagons, 52. Be in trouble with, 53. Steam bath, 55. Submit, 58. Survey, 59. Celebrity, 60. Melody, 61. Midmonth date, 62. To tax or access,

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